

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - September 2022

This Month

Maintenance Tender for local parks

Reading Dogs!

Twin Waters West case hearings finished... next steps

Classic Cars Motor show

Gardening Competition... on the way

Next General Meeting 10th October 2022 at the Novotel 7.30pm

Important Social Dates for the year

TWRA Golf Day - 25 September at Twin Waters Golf Club

Twin Waters Party in the Park - 6 November

Cocktail Party 27th November

New Look Christmas Carols - 18 December.

President's Report

Thank you for electing me as President of our Association last month. This is a very new role for me after being secretary for 14 years. I hope I can continue the great work of immediate Past President Tony Freeman, who has promised to be my mentor in the role whilst I get used to things.

It seems it is the year for new things - a new look Party in the Park is coming up in November. Planning is in full swing with help from the team at LJ Hooker Twin Waters.

This will be a party for all ages and for the first time, it will be held in the shopping centre carpark. You will see many familiar faces including our local traders The Loose Goose, the Cock & Hen and Foodworks. The twilight event is not to be missed.

The Christmas Carols are not new, having been run by our Association for over 20 years, but this time it will have a fresh format. An outdoor event, Sunshine Coast style, at the Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort. Bring your beach towel or picnic rug, grab a beer or wine from the cash bar, a meal from one of the food vendors and enjoy the Carols and fireworks lagoon-side.

We have a couple of new faces on the committee in Naomi McQueen and Margaret Hamlyn - welcome! Also, a couple of retirements in David Hughes, Dave Dunwoody and Dan Seeney, thanks for your contributions - you will be missed!

After living on acreage for the past 12 years, my family and I are coming back to Twin Waters, with our move planned to take place in October. So, new beginnings for me too! As a friend said to me when I told them the news, "You know how good it is to live here." I have to say, I agree, I couldn't think of a better community to live in.

Thanks to you all for your messages of support - they are greatly appreciated.

Sophie

PRESIDENT

Story Dogs – local pooches helping kids to read...



The local Story Dogs group wants volunteers. The program helps year 2 kids and later, who struggle to read. But when kids read to a dog magic happens. They relax and the words flow. What's needed are volunteers with a nice calm dog that can sit with their owners and a child and just listen. It takes about 20 minutes a session. More information at <http://www.storydogs.org.au>, or just call the Pacific Paradise Co-Ordinator - Mel Jones 0411 274 892.

Rob and Derry Moving On



Surrounded by cardboard boxes for their downsizing move, Rob and Derry Fletcher packing up at end of August. 25 years ago, Rob was the first Secretary of the TWRA, then President for three years from 2001 to 2003 and the first Life Member. The very first meeting to form the TWRA was held in Rob's garage in 1998. Rob and Derry are moving to Gem Life at Maroochy Quays, Kuluin. Phone numbers and email address remain the same.

UPDATE ON SUGGESTIONS FOR MAINTAINING OUR PARKS AND GARDENS.

The TWRA has sent Sunshine Coast Council a list of 15 suggestions from local members on possible improvements to the upkeep of our many parks and gardens and public areas.

As many know, Twin Waters residents pay extra on their rates for additional maintenance of these areas to keep them looking great – more attention than the Council is able to give to other suburbs paying normal rates only.



The process began at the July meeting of the Joint Council/TWRA Maintenance Committee meeting, when the Council suggested it was open to suggestions on the level of services as the tender to provide them for up to the next 5 years was about to be re-issued.

(July Meeting pic: Left to Right running around the table - Jim Darcy, Derek Brown, Max Mills, Geoff Baker, Rob Fletcher plus from Sunshine Council Stephan Georg, Craig Connelly and Rebecca Wainwright.)

TWRA then contacted members via email, asking for their suggestions. What followed was an enthusiastic and thoughtful flow of messages, as Twin Waters residents shared their observations of the places they walked and rode through every day. Previous TWRA President Tony, boiled the many messages down into a summary list and sent it off. We share the list below, so everyone can see where their part of Twin Waters fits.

As you will see, not all of the suggestions would fall within the scope of the landscape maintenance arrangements or might be feasible at a reasonable cost, but we list them below to show the range of the suggestions that were received.

We will keep you updated on future developments as we await the Council's response.

Suggestions are...

- The inclusion and maintenance of flower beds to add colour (and a range of colours)
- More frequent trimming of the branches that overhang footpaths and walkways up to the height restrictions imposed for safety reasons – here the suggestion is that the Contractors' staff "Look up as well as they look at ground level"
- More frequent attention by the Arborist team for branches above the 2.0 M height restriction that overhang pathways and intrude into road areas. This might include regular inspections in addition to residents' reports.
Are the arborist team responsible for removal of branches near street lights?
- The bushland "buffer areas" require more frequent inspection and attention for two reasons: a) fire risk and safety and b) to correct the unsightly areas and make the bushland more attractive. Particular areas mentioned: Prestwick Drive, Ocean Drive, Wattlebird roundabout; Tralee roundabout (at Ocean Drive)
- Continued repairs to the bank of the canal along Prestwick Drive – and specifically mentioned the area near Webb St.
- Specific attention to trees in Council owned public area that abut private property. Two aspects: a) leaves and branches from Council trees fall into private property (roofs, gardens, pools) and b) safety aspects as a potential climbing hazard where private swimming pool safety is considered.
- More frequent cleaning of the exterior of the Council garbage bins in public areas
- More frequent street sweeping ... currently we believe it to be twice a year but many streets with leafy trees require attention more frequently to minimise leaves, twigs and other rubbish being washed into the lake system via storm water drains
- Attention to the "garden islands" in some streets – such as Waterfront Court and similar garden traffic islands. River Edge Court was added to the regular maintenance plan some years back but there are reports of no regular maintenance visits/work by the contractors
- More frequent high-pressure cleaning on the kerbing and gutters in Twin Waters (some residents already perform this task.)
- Consider repainting the decorative area walls within Twin Waters (the brick walls with signage "Karinya Island", "The Links", "the Lakes", "The Landings" etc
- Have the contractors clear away rubbish from the parks and garden areas (Bottles, food wrappers, fast food scraps etc Some residents perform this task on a regular basis and TWRA participate in the annual Clean Up programme.)
- Maintenance of some footpath areas – particularly the paved brick pathways Twin Waters Drive, Waterside Drive. (The footpath replacement programme is "Capital Works" however, there are paved paths with subsidence and grass/weeds which need attention.
- Removal of saplings that are considered weeds – although this happens and is frequently identified with the Audit reports, there are many "non-planted" or self-seeded saplings that require removal
- Attention to the many "Pocket Parks" in Twin Waters ... there are comments that these parks (in particular) have had minimal attention and many appear "unkempt" or "been allowed to deteriorate"



Team Plans Gardening Competition...

The TWRA will launch a Gardening Competition next year - so start planting now. The planning team (see pic on left) recently had their first meeting for the competition open to gardens big and small to capture Twin Waters diverse housing styles of both apartment and free-standing homes. Plans are still in the works, but early ideas, suggest categories like:

1. **Best tropical garden**
2. **Best formal or structured garden**
3. **Best street appeal, focus on colour**
4. **Best small garden** (to capture the likes of Living Choice, Water Galleries, View Point etc. It could include balconies if folks wish to submit their balcony garden for consideration).

More information to come as planning continues.

Donations Wanted For Plant Stall At Picnic In The Park

While thinking about gardens - TWRA Secretary, Emilia White has launched an appeal to the Twin Waters garden set for plant donations to the Pot Plan stall at our annual Picnic in the Park in November...

See pic on the right - for the stall at last year's 'Picnic.'



As she says... "Spring will soon be here!

And those of us with green fingers will be itching to start brightening up the garden with some potted colour! The plant stall will be looking for donations again this year. Why not pot up some extra herbs or flowering plants when you next purchase a punnet at the nursery? There are often more seedlings in a punnet than you need and we'd be very grateful for your donation! Donations can be dropped off on the day of the Picnic in the Park - 4th November. Plenty of time to get those pots looking beautiful for the day!"

Final point: Please also label the donations as this assists with the sales.

TWIN WATERS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
PARTY IN THE PARK
 COORDINATED BY LJ Hooker Twin Waters

SUN NOV 6TH

3PM TO 7PM

TWIN WATERS SHOPPING VILLAGE

FREE FAMILY EVENT
 LIVE MUSIC
 ENTERTAINMENT
 JUMPING CASTLE
 FACE PAINTING
 FOOD & DRINKS
 MARKET STALLS

SAVE THE DATE

Picnic in the Park – The Big Day and a New Approach...

While we are at it, a reminder Party in the Park is moving.

This year, 'Party' goes to a new spot: Twin Waters Shopping Village - closer to facilities and an easier access. See the poster from our major sponsor LJ Hooker.

Among other things: The Cock & Hen will be serving sliders and drinks, the Loose Goose will have takeaway pizzas on their 'Cocktails Deck', Foodworks will have Fish & Chips, and the Lions Club will have their ever-popular Sausage Sizzle.

With the usual array of stalls including, plants, cakes, jams, raffle and more, kids' entertainment including inflatable train obstacle, face painting and games, as well as Live Entertainment with musicians and artists throughout the day, there will be plenty to keep everyone entertained. And to finish at 7pm, a sensational Fireworks display!

Classic CAR SHOW
 Father's Day - Sunday
4 September 2022
 NOOSA SPORTS COMPLEX
 MCKINNON DRIVE
 TEWANTIN 4595

\$12
 NON-LIVE
 TIME

LAGUNA
 BRILLIANT IN BALANCE



In the meantime... The Classic Car Show

Calling all car nuts! Former long term TWRA Committee member, Dave Dunwoody, recommends the Classic Car Show coming up on Father's Day... September 4. See brochure on the left.

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TWRA Membership

Everyone who lives in Twin Waters, whether an owner or a renter, is encouraged to join the TWRA.

Joining is easy. Just go to the website at www.twra.net and click on the link headed TWRA Membership.

This opens a simple application form. Cost is \$10 per year, but that includes every member of your household. Payable by credit card or direct deposit.

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Block Co-ordinators

Check on TWRA.net and Community Notice Board for contact details.



Bonza Touched Down!!

In airline news in August, Bonza finally touched down with its first flight to the Sunshine Coast opening another travel door across the country from a regional area. Another step in the continuing expansion of the Sunshine Coast Airport. Sunshine Coast Airport CEO Andrew Brodie called it “ a momentous day for Sunshine Coast Airport.” Adding, Bonza’s “will generate more than \$86 million in visitor expenditure in the region in the first 12 months of flights, and bring an additional 386,000 seats directly into the Sunshine Coast.”

Twin Waters West Development Update:

Following the local excitement last month when the Planning & Environment Court Hearing of Stockland’s appeal over the future of Twin Waters West development travelled from Brisbane to inspect the actual site, the formal hearings began and have now ended. At this stage, there is no indication of how long it will take before the Judge delivers his decision. The Written Submissions from the parties at the end of the hearing of the appeal are now posted on the P&E Court website. The most important ones - from Stockland (the Appellant) and Sunshine Coast Council (the Respondent) will be posted on our web site if you would like more information. Looking ahead, there are two issues in dispute that are of most interest – residential character and community expectations. Residential character includes lot size, intensity of housing and several other things. This prompted intense argument from both sides during the hearing and the Judge may eventually need to make a determination of how much, or little, as part of his decision if the appeal is allowed. The Community Expectations issue did not raise any new Issues in dispute so any concerns were dealt with in the hearing.

This case is different to the recent proposed development by Sekisui at Yaroomba beach, south of Coolum for a new 5-star hotel complex as that centred on a change of zoning. The Twin Waters West case is about compliance with planning requirements for a development in an already defined Emerging Community zone. There are three possible outcomes from the Hearing - the appeal is allowed or allowed subject to various conditions or the appeal is refused.

We will keep you posted when we hear anything further.



Colour Coded Garbage Trucks

For those intrigued by the new coloured rubbish trucks gracing our streets, the code is as follows reading left to right... Teal – Commercial Waste; Red - General Waste; Green - Garden Waste; Yellow - Recycling.

There is also a single light green electric powered truck to empty public bins, as part of an electric trial.